

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.67
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2021**

NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANT BOARD

***67. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB) has formulated any new scheme to boost the cultivation and production of medicinal plants and herbs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by the Government for development of quality planting material of medicinal plants and herbs in different agro-climatic zones?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)**

(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a): Yes, Sir, Ministry of AYUSH has prepared a draft scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH AYUSH Yojana” for the promotion of Medicinal Plant Cultivation, Post-harvest management and Marketing support by involving farmers and the AYUSH industry.

(b): This proposal of ‘PRADHAN MANTRI VRIKSH-AYUSH YOJANA’ seeks approval of the Cabinet for implementation as a Central Sector Scheme. VRIKSH AYUSH aims to promote Cultivation of Medicinal Plant, Post-harvest management and Marketing support by involving farmers and the AYUSH industry. It is expected to create assets in the form of plantation clusters of high value medicinal plants, which would ensure the supply of quality raw material to AYUSH industry while increasing the income of the farmers and local communities, including tribals.

Under the proposed scheme, there is a provision for financial assistance to cultivate medicinal plants and establish Post-harvest Management Infrastructure. The proposed scheme shall be implemented as a Central Sector Scheme of Ministry namely “PRADHAN MANTRI VRIKSH-AYUSH YOJANA”. Proposal has been submitted for the approval of the Cabinet.

(c): The National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH is presently implementing Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants under which there is a provision to provide project based financial support for establishing nursery and development of Quality Planting Material throughout the country. The State-wise number of projects supported for the development of Quality Planting Material from 2000 to 2021 is given at **Annexure-I**.

In addition, the National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH through its Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) is also providing financial and technical assistance to farmers/other stakeholders for development of Quality Planting Material of medicinal plants and herbs in different States. The detail of Quality Planting Material of Medicinal plants species developed, the number of training organised and farmers trained through Regional Cum Facilitation Centre Projects of NMPB since inception of Regional Cum Facilitation Centres i.e from year 2017-18 to 2020-21 is given at **Annexure-II**.

NMPB has also signed MoU with National Botanical Research Institute-CSIR for the development of Quality Planting Material of medicinal plants and herbs.

State/UTs-wise number of projects supported under Central Sector Scheme on Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants for development of Quality Planting Material during the period of 2000 to 2021

	State	No. of Project supported for Quality Planting Material
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	3
4.	Bihar	1
5.	Delhi	3
6.	Goa	1
7.	Gujarat	2
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3
10.	Jharkhand	3
11.	Karnataka	2
12.	Kerala	5
13.	Madhya Pradesh	4
14.	Maharastra	4
15.	Manipur	3
16.	Mizoram	1
17.	Nagaland	3
18.	Orissa	2
19.	Punjab	3
20.	Rajasthan	3
21.	Sikkim	2
22.	Tamil Nadu	1
23.	Telangana	4
24.	Uttar Pradesh	5
25.	Uttarakhand	19
26.	West Bengal	4
Total number of projects supported		89

The details of Quality Planting Material (QPM) of Medicinal Plants species developed, number of training organized and farmers trained through Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs) projects of NMPB for promoting cultivation of medicinal plants since inception of RCFCs i.e from year 2017-18 to 2020-21

Sl. No.	Regional Cum Facilitation Centres (RCFCs)	States / UTs covered	Number of QPM Developed	Number of trainings organized	Number of farmers trained
1.	RCFC (Northern Region – I) , Research Institute in Indian System of Medicine, Department of Ayurveda, Joginder Nagar, Himachal Pradesh	Chandigarh Delhi Haryana Himachal Pradesh Punjab Uttarakhand Uttar Pradesh	1,00,000	32	2,472
2.	RCFC (Northern Region – II) , Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir, Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu & Kashmir Ladakh	6,51,888	76	3,718
3.	RCFC (Central Region) , State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	Chhattisgarh Madhya Pradesh	2,89,074	22	1,538
4.	RCFC (Eastern Region) , Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal	Bihar Jharkhand Odisha Sikkim West Bengal	7,96,335	14	1,123
5.	RCFC (Southern Region) , Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi, Kerala	Andaman & Nicobar Andhra Pradesh Karnataka Kerala Lakshadweep	22,31,670	18	561

		Puducherry Tamil Nadu Telangana			
6.	RCFC (North Eastern Region), Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam	Arunachal Pradesh Assam, Manipur Meghalaya Mizoram Nagaland Tripura	8,200	08	320
7.	RCFC (Western Region), Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra	Goa, Gujarat Maharashtra Rajasthan Dadra & Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu	1,05,300	15	1,265
Total			41,82,467	185	10,997